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During the night on 1 July, the bivouac south of the Heiterblick Kaserne in Leipzig was deactivated. Only T-34 tanks remained at the place. About 60 T-34 tanks including supply vehicles left toward Wurzen on the autobahn while a small portion moved on the highway toward Dewitz. At noon on 3 July, the barracks installation was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black spaullets with motor transport insignia, 350 with tank insignia and 150 without insignia. A total of 20 T-34 tanks, 35 x 3-axle armored personnel carriers and 10 2-axle armored personnel carriers was seen there. At noon on 3 July, 1 JS-2 tank and 2 T-34 tanks were loaded at the Taucha railroad station. The train left toward Leipzig at 6 p.m.

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Comment. The bivouac was previously reported Since other reports indicated that elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div in Wurzen were also employed to quell the riots in Leipzig, it is still unclear whether the units returned to Koenigsbrueck or to their posts. It is believed that the remaining ten tanks belong to the unidentified tank training battalion. On 3 July, elements of a mechanized regiment were apparently still in the installation in addition to the normal occupation.

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